



**CONGRESSWOMAN  
Betty McCollum**  
MINNESOTA'S 4th DISTRICT

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Dear Friend:

Congressional Republicans passed a budget this week for fiscal year 2006 that was called "unjust" by a broad religious coalition and was opposed by the major veterans organizations. I voted instead for the fiscally responsible, common sense budget authored by House Democrats. [Click here](#) to read more about the Democratic Budget for 2006. To view a list of all the organizations that opposed the Republican budget cuts, [please click here](#).

All Americans stand united in support of our troops, but President Bush has no strategy for success in Iraq. For this reason, I took a vote of no confidence in the president's Iraq policy and joined a group of Republican and Democratic Members of Congress in opposing the \$82 billion Emergency Wartime Supplemental bill. Congress should be demanding a plan that puts Iraqis in control of their own future and allows our troops to begin coming home, not a blank check for the status quo. [Click here](#) to read my full statement on the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations bill.

Today, I depart with a congressional delegation to Mexico and Panama where I will meet with President Vicente Fox and Peace Corps volunteers from Minnesota. [Click here to read more about the delegation](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty".

Congresswoman Betty McCollum

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